

... The American Cancer Society appreciates the commitment shown by the sponsors of the legislation to address these issues, but unfortunately is unable to support this legislation as written. . . . Careful analysis of the House-passed measure and a substitute version of the Senate bill . . . have serious potential to exacerbate the current problem of under treatment of pain. While there are provisions to proactively address pain and symptom management, the Society maintains that any benefit from such provisions would not outweigh the potential threat posed by the changes to CSA. Furthermore, neither section of the bill comprehensively addresses the needs of providers, patients, and families for ongoing support and education to counter the current problem of under-treatment of pain—a problem that often leads to requests for physician-assisted suicide. . . . Under the Act, all physicians and particularly physicians who care for those with terminal illnesses will be made especially vulnerable to having their pain and symptom management treatment decisions questioned by law enforcement officials not qualified to judge medical decision-making. This can result in unnecessary investigation, and further disincentives to aggressively treat pain.

Unfortunately, 'intent' cannot be easily determined, particularly in the area of medicine where effective dosage levels for patients may deviate significantly from the norm. The question of deciding intent should remain in the hands of those properly trained to make such decisions—the medical community and state medical boards. The Pain Relief Promotion Act seeks to hold harmless any physician who treats a patient's pain even if death occurs, and the measure attempts to create a 'safe harbor' provision in an effort to shield physicians whose use of federally-controlled drugs unintentionally hasten or cause death. However, this provision does not change the fact that the DEA would now explicitly be charged with overseeing the medical use of controlled substances, resulting in a negative impact on cancer pain treatment. . . .

The American Cancer Society statement concluded with the following observation:

The American Cancer Society has engaged in a deliberative process to evaluate the impact of the Pain Relief Promotion Act on our Quality of Life goals for all people living with cancer. Its analysis included a review of existing Society policies on pain and symptom management and opposition to physician assisted suicide. We have concluded that as written, the Pain Relief Promotion Act would ban the use of federally controlled substances for physician-assisted suicide at the expense of controlling pain and advancing symptom management. These issues are both critically important, but are separate issues. While the Society strongly opposes all patient deaths stemming from assisted suicides, we must give heavier weight to the more than 1500 individuals who die of cancer every day in this country—more than half of whom die in pain unnecessarily. Moreover, the American Cancer Society believes that the best approach to help cancer patients and reduce and prevent assisted suicide is through the adoption of proactive policies and the provision of resources to prevent and ameliorate pain and suffering in people with cancer, especially for those at the end-of-life.

I appreciate this opportunity to clarify the position of the American Cancer Society on S. 1272.

#### THE WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the Environment and Public Works Committee's substitute to H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000.

Chairman YOUNG and others did a tremendous amount of investigative and legislative work to get us to this point, and I want to thank them for all of their efforts. Their original bill passed the House with tremendous bipartisan approval, garnering just two "no" votes.

Senator CRAPO and I took the House bill and strengthened it by providing a sensible level for grants for projects that affect more than one state and strengthening the provision to ensure states use a reasonable portion of the Pittman-Robertson money to provide hunter education programs. It was introduced as S. 2609 and garnered 14 cosponsors.

Senators SMITH, CRAPO, BAUCUS, and BOXER worked hard on Senate legislation that everyone can agree on. I appreciate their dedication to that work, and we have produced an excellent product that will bring accountability to a program that represents one-third of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's budget, ensure the hunting and fishing community that the money they pay in excise taxes is being used for its intended purpose, and that the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs will continue to be this nation's premier wildlife and fisheries conservation programs.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this substitute, and I encourage the President of the United States to sign this important piece of legislation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### KANSAN OLYMPIANS

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the athletes from Kansas who participated in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Each of these athletes contributed in his or her own way to the success of the American Team. It is my pleasure to recognize the following athletes from Kansas for their efforts in the Olympic Games: Maurice Greene, Nathan Leeper, Passion Richardson, Christie Ambrosi, Sarah Noriega, Tara Nott, and Melvin Douglas.

Each of these athletes deserves to be commended on their perseverance and dedication to their respective sports. The devotion of these athletes has been rewarded with the opportunity to represent the United States as Olympic Athletes. Not only have these athletes represented America, but they have

also made the citizens of their home State of Kansas proud.

The spirit of these athletes is encouraging and is to be applauded. America's team could not have finished on top without the help of these special Kansans. Every four years the world comes together in this ultimate show of athleticism. These Kansan athletes will be forever a part of this honorable tradition. It gives me great pleasure to recognize the accomplishments of these athletes.

Maurice Greene maintained his role as the fastest man on Earth by winning the Men's 100 meter race. He also helped the 4x100 relay team run their way to another gold medal for the American Team.

Nathan Leeper rose to high aspirations in the high jump competition. After leaving the sport for a short time, Nathan made the ultimate comeback as a member of this Olympic Team.

Passion Richardson helped the women's 4x100m Relay team run their way out of the rounds into the finals. This competition was Passion's Olympic debut and her participation in this event is the epitome of teamwork and dedication.

Christie Ambrosi helped the women's softball team grab the gold medal for America. Her hard work as an outfielder and strong hitting skills brought the team home with gold medals along with their gloves.

As a member of the Women's volleyball team, Sarah Noriega rose beyond the expectations. Sarah helped launch the team into the medal round, proving that the team has a great future ahead.

Tara Nott made Olympic history as the first woman to go home with gold from a Women's Olympic Weightlifting competition. Christie had no problem carrying her gold medal home to Kansas.

Melvin Douglas is no stranger to the Olympic games, as the Sydney competition as his second Olympic appearance. His perseverance in the sport has proven that great athletes can come at any age.

Again, Mr. President, I congratulate these Kansas Athletes on their outstanding accomplishments. All of these athletes have made Kansas and United States of America very proud. •

#### RECOGNITION OF CLIFFORD PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA, WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise proudly today to congratulate Clifford Pierce Middle School in Merrillville, Indiana for its selection by the U.S. Secretary of Education as one of the nation's outstanding Blue Ribbon Schools. Clifford Pierce Middle School